

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application so as to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device control system, comprising:
 - data preparation means for preparing operation data and outputting the operation data, the data preparation means also preparing different identification data that uniquely identifies the operation data in each instance of outputting;
 - an electronic device which carries out processing based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means; and
 - portable data storage means for receiving the identification data prepared by said data preparation means, said portable data storage means including identification data storage means for storing the identification data, wherein said portable data storage means automatically transmits the identification data stored in said identification data storage means to said electronic device when said portable data storage means approaches said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the identification data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data uniquely identified by the identification data.

2. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting means for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation means to said electronic device.
3. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 2, wherein:
said transmitting means is a network which connects at least one data preparation means and at least one electronic device.
4. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means receives the identification data from said data preparation means and transmits the identification data to said electronic device by wireless.
5. (Previously Presented) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes operation data storage means for storing the operation data transmitted from said data preparation means; and
said electronic device checks the operation data stored in said operation data storage means against the identification data received from said portable data storage means when receiving the identification data, detects the operation data uniquely identified by the received identification data, and carries out the processing based on the operation data.

6. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 3 further comprising:

operation data management means, connected to
said network, for storing the operation data
prepared by said data preparation means and
for managing a data output process to output
the operation data to said electronic device.

7. (Withdrawn) An electronic device control system comprising:

data preparation means for preparing operation data;
an electronic device for carrying out processing based
on the operation data prepared by said data
preparation means; and
portable data storage means for receiving the operation
data prepared by said data preparation means,
said portable data storage means including operation
data storage means for storing the operation data,
wherein said portable data storage means transmits the
operation data stored in said operation data storage
means to said electronic device, and when said electronic
device receives the operation data from said portable
data storage means, said electronic device carries
out the processing based on the operation data.

8. (Original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and
said electronic device includes control means which confirms
the content of the operation data, judges whether or
not said electronic device has function means for
performing a selected function required to perform
an operation based on the operation data, then indicates
the judgment result on said display means.
9. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7,
wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and
said electronic device includes control means which
confirms the content of the operation data,
judges whether or not said electronic device
has function means for performing a selected
function required to perform an operation based
on the operation data, then indicates the
judgment result on said display means.

10. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means also stores user
management identification data, and,
transmits the user management identification
data to said electronic device; and
said electronic device controls to limit the performance
of an operation by said electronic device based
on the user management identification data
received from said portable data storage means.
11. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said portable data storage means also stores user
management identification data, and transmits
the user management identification data to said
electronic device; and
said electronic device controls to limit the performance
of an operation by said electronic device based
on the user management identification data
received from said portable data storage means.

- 12 (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:
the user management identification data includes
data of at least one kind selected from the
group consisting of department identification
data identifying the department in which
said data preparation means for preparing
operation data is installed, user identification
data set for each user, and storage means
identification data set for each portable
data storage means.
13. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:
the user management identification data includes data of at
least one kind selected from the group consisting of
department identification data identifying the department
in which said data preparation means for preparing
operation data is installed, user identification data set
for each user, and storage means identification data set
for each portable data storage means.
14. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in
said portable data storage means in advance.

15. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in said
portable data storage means in advance.
16. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the
operation data is print data.
17. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the
operation data is print data.
18. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said data preparation means is a personal computer.
19. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said data preparation means is a personal computer.
20. (Previously Presented) The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:
said portable data storage means includes at least
one element selected from the group consisting of a
portable phone and a portable information
processing terminal.

21. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said portable data storage means includes at least one
element selected from the group consisting of a
portable phone, a portable information processing
terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.
22. (Currently Amended) A portable data storage device comprising:
a receiving section for receiving identification data from a
data preparation device which prepares operation
data to control the operation of an electronic
device and outputs the operation data, the preparation
device also preparing different identification data, the
identification data that uniquely identifies identifying
the operation data in each instance of outputting,
storage means for storing the identification data; and
a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the identification
data, automatically transmitting the identification
data stored in said storage means to said electronic
device when said portable data storage means
approaches said electronic device which carries out
the processing based on the operation data
uniquely identified by the received
identification data.

23. (Withdrawn) A portable data storage device comprising:
- a receiving section for receiving operation data prepared by a data preparation device from said data preparation device;
 - storage means for storing the operation data; and
 - a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the operation data, transmitting the operation data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data.
24. (Currently Amended) A data preparation device, comprising:
- a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and outputting the operation data, the data preparation section also preparing different identification data that uniquely identifies the operation data in each instance of outputting;
 - an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;
 - an identification data transmitting section for transmitting identification data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which stores the received identification data and automatically transmits the stored identification data to said electronic device when said portable data storage means approaches said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the identification data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data uniquely identified by the received identification data, selected among a plurality of operation data received from said operation data transmitting section.

25. (Withdrawn) A data preparation device comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device;
an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;
an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which has functions to store the received operation data and transmit the stored operation data to said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the operation data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data.

26. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

an operation data receiving section for receiving operation data from a data preparation device which prepares and outputs operation data , the data preparation device also preparing different and identification data that uniquely identifies the operation data in each instance of outputting;

an identification data receiving section for receiving the identification data transmitted automatically from a portable data storage device when the portable data storage means approaches said electronic device, the identification data receiving section having a function to store the identification data received from said data preparation device; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data which is received by said operation data receiving section and is uniquely identified by the identification data received by said identification data receiving section.

27. (Withdrawn) An electronic device comprising:
- a receiving section for receiving operation data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the operation data received from said data preparation device which prepares the operation data; and
 - an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data received by said receiving section.
28. (Withdrawn) An operation data management device comprising:
- data storage means for storing operation data received via a network from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data controlling the operation of an electronic device; and
 - management means for managing a data output process to output the operation data stored in said data storage means to a plurality of electronic devices connected via the network.

In addition, please add the following New Claim 29 as follows:

29. (New) The electronic device control system of claim 16, wherein said operation data corresponds to a single print job.